S. Clement's Church

TWENTIETH AND CHERRY STREETS

PHILADELPHIA

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While the priest places the Blessed Sacrament on the altar, it is usual to sing the following hymn:

O Saving Victim! opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Then may follow a litany or other devotions, after which the following hymn is sung:

Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

Then follows the versicle and praise.

V. Thou didst give them bread from heaven.
R. Containing within itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O God, who under a wonderful sacrament has left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body

and Blood; that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest and reignest, world without end. R. Amen.

The priest takes the Blessed Sacrament and makes the sign of the cross over the people. The priest says the following, the people repeating each sentence after him.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

While the priest reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, the following psalm with its antiphon may be said:

Antiphon. Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament (*in Eastertide*, Alleluia).

Psalm 117

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen;
Praise him, all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Antiphon. Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament (*in Eastertide*, Alleluia).